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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98 copies of the following patents and/or publications are submitted herewith:

United States Patent No. 4,825,279 (Furuhata), dated April 25, 1989, and corresponding German Patent DE 37 34 067 C2, dated May 5, 1988;

International Publication WO 00/42656 (Loddenkötter et al.), dated July 20, 2000, and corresponding German Utility Model DE 299 00 370 U1, dated May 20, 1999;

German Examination Report dated January 11, 2000.

It is believed that the enclosed prior art is less pertinent than the prior art previously submitted and cited by the Examiner. Kindly place the references in the Patent Office file wrapper.

Respectfully submitted,



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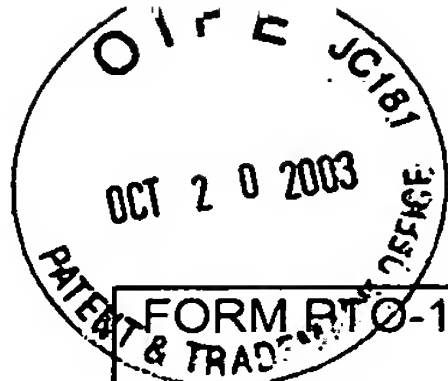
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIALS		PATENT NO.	DATE	PATENTEE	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE
	A	4,825,279	04/25/89	Furuhata			
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